

**Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism  
Arts Committee Meeting  
October 21, 2009  
Hartford, Connecticut**

**Present:** Ann Sheffer via phone, Rita Schmidt, Paul Pozzi, Philip Eliasoph via phone, Walter Fiederowicz-via phone, Ted Yudain, Michael Price by proxy-Karen Senich

**Absent:** Carolyn Cicchetti, Betty Hale, Dan Heffernan, Clem Roy

**Staff:** Karen Senich, An-Ming Truxes, Cathy DeMeo, John Cusano, Bonnie Koba, Amy Freidman, Lourdes Rivera (recording)

**Call to Order**

Ted Yudain called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved.

Motion: Ann Sheffer

Second: Walter Fiederowicz

Unanimous approval

**Report from the Committee Chair**

Ted Yudain acknowledged and congratulated the arts staff on the activities stated in the Arts Division's FY09 Year-End Report.

**Arts Division Director Report**

An-Ming Truxes stated that in the interest of time, she had e-mailed committee members her report in writing. Report attached.

**Action Item Recommendation**

**Organizational Support Program Grants FY2010- Cathy DeMeo**

Approved **145 grants** totaling \$1,300,000 for the FY10 Organizational Support Program as follows:

132 General Operating Support (GOS) grants \$1,200,000

13 Arts Project Support (APS) grants 100,000

Motion: Walter Fiederowicz

Second: Ann Sheffer

Recused: Ted Yudain, Curtain Call

Recused: Michael Price, Goodspeed Opera House  
Recused: Ann Sheffer, Westport Country Playhouse  
Unanimous approval

**Local Arts Agency Cultural Leadership Grants FY2010 – John Cusano**

Approved **20 grants** totaling \$379,330 for the Local Arts Agency Cultural Leadership Program.

Motion: Ann Sheffer  
Second: Walter Fiederowicz  
Unanimous approval

**Peer Advisor Network Service Agreement Grants FY2010 – John Cusano**

Approved **5 grants** totaling \$32,000 for the Peer Advisor Network Program.

Motion: Ann Sheffer  
Second: Walter Fiederowicz  
Unanimous approval

**HOT Schools Grants (Mentor Program) – Bonnie Koba**

Approved **2 grants** totaling \$5,000 to support the Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Schools Mentor Program for FY10 as follows:

John Lyman Elementary School - \$2,500  
J.C. Daniels Elementary School - \$2,500

Motion: Paul Pozzi  
Second: Rita Schmidt  
Unanimous approval

**Creative Collaboration Grants FY2010 – Bonnie Koba**

Approved **9 grants** totaling \$17,200 for the Arts in Education Creative Collaborations Grant Program.

Motion: Paul Pozzi  
Second: Rita Schmidt  
Unanimous approval

**Poetry Out Loud Program FY10 – Amy Freidman**

Approved a non-matching grant in the amount of \$19,000, to Saint Joseph College, Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities, to support the planning and implementation Connecticut's 2010 Poetry Out Loud program.

Motion: Paul Pozzi  
Second: Rita Schmidt  
Unanimous approval

**Executive Director Report**

Karen Senich reported on the FY10 Arts Division budget.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

Motion: Rita Schmidt

Second: Paul Pozzi

Unanimous approval